

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaaki NORO, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2157

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Examiner: Uzma Alam

For: COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL METHOD, RELAYING METHOD AND RELAYING
DEVICE

SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed January 3, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on April 3, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.